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WHO DEMANDED NEGRO OFFICERS?

The organ of the city administration, in announcing that C. B. Quinn, Republican commissioner of police, had gotten enough of his negro officers on the police force, made the significant statement that the negroes were appointed following a demand made upon the headquarters of the successful ticket in the last election.

Who made the demand? Who asked that negroes be put on the police force clothed with all of the authority of any police officer, and armed with 45-caliber automatic pistols with which to shoot white men? Politics has come to a pretty pass when anyone has the presumption to make such a demand, and to a prettier pass when any high official, either Republican or Democrat, can yield to any such demand.

Tell the people, Mr. Commissioner of Police, who it was that made the demand.

A WAIL FROM THE EAST

Among other things that the war has taught us, it has shown how many people on this sublimity sphere are being oppressed and crushed under foot. Little was known of the butchery of the Armenians by the Turks until the war drew aside the curtain. Jutting far out into the sea from the coast of Asia is Korea, a peninsula containing some 82,000 miles of territory, or about half the size of Texas. Here are huddled from 12,000,000 to 20,000,000 people. A range of mountains runs along the center of the peninsula like a backbone, occupying much of the territory which is worthless and uninhabited. The low or table lands are rich and fertile and are well cultivated, as the Koreans are an industrious and a thrifty people. Pain and suffering has been their portion throughout the ages. In the sixteenth century Japan captured the country and again in the seventeenth. On both occasions she abandoned the country soon.

When the Chinese were slaughtering each other one faction sent up a Macedonian cry for help. The Mongolians came in and took charge of the country, establishing the Manchu dynasty, which ruled for 500 years and until Tsi Ann, after the Boxer revolution, was translated from the sacred Yellow City to heaven, or to whatever place was prepared for her. The Manchus collected annual tribute from the Koreans and as soon as they passed out the Japanese returned, being attracted by the rich lands and productive fields. They have been in control since 1904. They do not ask for tribute—they want to take all and leave the people nothing.

Korea, while nominally possessing a home government for 43 centuries, is a backward nation. For most of this time Buddhism was the religion. Confucianism usurped empire some 200 years ago, and for fifty years American and European missionaries have been in the country making converts. Christianity is popular because it lets in the sunlight of liberty, and this hermit nation in the last century has ceased being shut in and has opened its ports to the commerce of the world. The Japs have treated these people with great cruelty. The islanders are particularly hostile to Christian Koreans and treat them as the Turks have treated the Armenians—scourging them naked through the streets and compelling them to bear heavy wooden crosses as the Master did and forcing them to worship the icon of Buddha.

Children of the wealthier class have been educated in Europe and America and western ideas are filtering into the country. All this the Japs oppose bitterly and brutally. The Koreans have declared their independence and are calling on the civilized nations for relief from their oppressors, but so far the peace conference has given them little or no encouragement. They are only one of the many peoples who are being oppressed and it may take a long time to reach their case. If the world is to be made free and democracy is to triumph, their time must come ultimately. Meantime, bleeding peoples are crying, "How long, O Lord, how long must thy servants linger?"

THE DIRIGIBLE

Germany invented the great dirigible balloon, and made a failure of it, so far as the war was concerned. She was going to blow up London, but never accomplished anything of consequence. England has taken the matter up and has twice crossed the Atlantic ocean, and, in case of war, there are those who believe that New York would fall an easy prey to the air vessels if sent against this country.

Of course we will have anti-aircraft guns on the ground and in airplanes to protect ourselves, and now is the time to provide these defenses. "Our brothers across the sea," and "blood is thicker than water," are strong ligaments holding the two English-speaking peoples together, but even these may be severed by circumstances which we cannot foresee at the present time. One of these great airships can carry tons of weight, and with modern explosives can do great harm.

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AN ACTORS' UNION

The actors of New York have formed a union and are seeking admission to the American Federation of Labor. They seek to put themselves in position to deal with the managers and the theatrical trust. They insist on eight performances a week, and if they go on the stage on Sunday they want one of the week-day matinees cut out. By union they can better their condition and can do so without abridging their dignity. There may be a professional union, while following trade union rules. The doctors and the lawyers have unions which they call medical and bar associations, and why not the actors? Instead of trenching upon the dignity of these professions, these associations are used to maintain it and uphold the ethical standing of both doctors and lawyers.

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MUMBLY-PEG

BRIGGS

AMUSEMENTS

Loew's Lyceum.

A spectacular singing offering with pretty electrical effects, beautiful scenery and tuneful melodies, under the title of "The Girl in the Basket," is the feature of the new bill at Loew's Lyceum.

"The Girl in the Basket" is like a page from the books of Hans Christian Andersen, the master fairy story teller. A fairy creature in real life, Miss Ida, suddenly appeared from out of the empty air, and is seen in a basket with many glowing roses, right over the heads of the orchestra and into the audience. She renders several ballads and one or two popular numbers, making it a refreshing and incidentally one of the most pretentious offerings here this season.

Femininity, grace, charm, beauty and talent are presented by the Four Huckle Girls, whose comedy is original and clever, especially the male impersonation of one of them. They are real musicians, a soprano, a violinist, a pianist and a bass, and form a combination of splendid talent.

Richard Milloy, William Keough and company offer a clever one-act comedy, "Putting One Over," by J. O'Connor, a political theory with a big punch. Other acts will include Wild Bird, a rare Hawaiian entertainer, who features their soothing melodies, and intermingles a few popular ones with their own. They are real musicians, a soprano, a violinist, a pianist and a bass, and form a combination of splendid talent.

One of the most humorous and laughable stories Charles Ray ever appeared in is "Hayfoot, Strawfoot," which is the film feature of the bill. Scenes are laid in an army camp where all the fun takes place.

"RATHER HASTY," SAYS RETURNED MEMPHIAN

Notice that he had been slightly wounded in action in France was received by Mrs. C. E. Wildes, 1553 East Court avenue, Monday, the war department's message conveyed news concerning her son, Lieut. Earl S. Wildes, who was with the 132nd Infantry, 30th division.

"That's rather fast work on the part of the government," commented Lieut. Wildes, who was visiting his mother when the message arrived. "Only about nine months behind."

Lieut. Wildes was gassed while in France, Oct. 10, 1918, and also was struck in the leg by a piece of shrapnel. He returned home last January and for several months has been working with a lumber concern in Arkansas.

He practically has recovered from the effects of the gas.

MEETS DEATH SWIMMING; BODY SOON RECOVERED

Obtaining a ride to Lakeview with a picnic party, moved to Forest Madden, aged 14, 668 Leath street, Sunday. He was drowned in the lake a few minutes after the picnic party arrived and his body was recovered within a short time.

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Moving Pictures

Majestic.

A thrilling drama of the Apache haunts of Paris is "The Stronger Vow," the latest of Geraldine Farrar's pictures, which is the attraction at the Majestic Theater again today. "The Stronger Vow" is the story of a blood feud which laid its tragic hands upon two of the oldest families in Spain and the wife of a marquis, the last in the family, finds that the man she had sworn to kill is her husband. Her refusal leads to her capture by Apaches, but she fights her way to freedom. Miss Farrar has been given an excellent supporting cast.

Strand.

"Woman," Maurice Tourneur's masterpiece in five episodes, which is the attraction at the Strand theater all this week, is different if nothing else, from the prologue until the epilogue. "Woman" portrays the different ages in history of woman, from the Garden of Eden down to the present day. Artistic is the keynote of all of Tourneur's productions and he has produced such notable successes as "The Whip," "The Blue Bird," "Princess" and "Sporting Life." In "Woman" this master director has achieved the greatest success of his career and has not overlooked the value of selecting a notable cast of players for his newest production. "Woman" is a masterpiece of art and a reminder of her personal appearance here two seasons ago in the Ballet House, is one of the stars.

Princess.

Charles Ray, whose small town characters have become a screen classic, delighted capacity audiences Sunday at the Princess in his new comedy, "The Basher," one of the greatest and most humorous baseball stories ever filmed. In "The Basher" Ray portrays the rise of a young man with a wonderful twirling arm who goes to the big leagues and becomes afflicted with an inflated chest. This aforesaid chest causes his downfall in a crucial game and he goes back to the bush leagues. Seeing his home town being trampled, while witnessing the game from a tree far, Ray wins not only the pitcher's box, and the game, but a pretty girl. The picture star has been given an excellent supporting cast.

THOUSANDS SEE FINE PET STOCK AT PARK

There was an unusual attraction at Overton park Sunday in addition to the first hand concert of the season. Thousands of Memphians journeyed to the park to see some of the finest breeds of rabbit and pigeon stock in the South which were on display in a preliminary show to the Tri-State fair. The exhibition, which comprised more than 215 animals and birds, was staged under the supervision of J. W. Cullen, zoo superintendent, and practically every fancier in Memphis and Shelby county was represented.

A feature of the display was the exhibit of American blue rabbits, the first of the kind shown in Memphis. This exhibit is owned by Mrs. John Berjes. The Rufus Reds, owned by C. C. Rittour, were pronounced the best exhibit.

The show was staged by members of the Tri-State Rabbit and Pigeon Breeder's association.

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On the Spur of the Moment

Don't be courteous in public conveyances, or people will think you are poor.

If a gentleman old enough to be your grandfather gets up to give you a seat, don't thank him, because you are doing him a favor. His legs would get stiff sitting so long.

If you get a seat alone in one of our close communion street cars with cross seats that are supposed to accommodate two, always turn your knees toward the window. This will give you enough room between you and the side of the car for a half-grown setter pup which you may have smuggled into the car, but will not leave sufficient room on the other side for anything but the hanger of your moleskin. It's the "big idea," try it.

These suggestions, studiously observed, show that you know things.

The month of May, 1919, developed the fact that a man can fly across the ocean quicker than he can get a phone call.

Perhaps it's far better—It may be the worst—But after this month—See America first.

WELL, PASS HER THIS PAPER.

Dear Roy—My wife thinks my stuff is sort of clever for the "home," etc., but doesn't think it good enough to "land." Gee! I'd love to be at dinner some night next week with your "Much Ado About Nothing" column before me—and suddenly spy my name under the following so I could sort of nonchalantly pass the paper to her with my finger pointing at my name.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE MOST POPULAR COLUMN BREEZES HAPPILY ALONG.

Don Marquis, who has been doing literary work for three weeks, has gone back to his regular diversion.—F. P. A. in the Tribune.

Old Frank Adams will devote his vacation this time to getting out a humorous column, we understand, after which he will return to his regular job on the Tribune.—Don Marquis, in New York Sun.

To avoid trouble and unpleasantness of this nature, read the column of sweetness and light which has no enemies to reward and no friends to punish. Thousands of happy-faced people are doing it.

As the old lady said, "I don't mind the heat ordinarily, but there is so much humanity in the air that it takes the tuck out of you."

She means humidity, doesn't she?—Angelo.

No, we think the word is stupidity.

Note that Mrs. Drum is press agent for Luna park. If there is anything in a name, Mrs. Drum should be heard from.

German writers say the people along the Rhine are "annoyed" by American occupation. Well, now, ain't that just too bad?

A Constant Reader writes in to find out how Bolsheviki is pronounced. By listening carefully wherever we have been, we have found that it is pronounced as follows: Boshly-vicky, Boshly-vicky, Bosh-shave-ee, Boshy-vecky, Boshy-visky, Bosh-ski-vecky, Boshy-vicky.

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Ye Editor Nods Jolts and Jest's Slipped Past The Blue Pencil

Get Gen. A. R. Taylor to tell you his clock story, and W. E. McGeehee his about the laughing hyena. They are fine but too long to use in full here.

Since Duck Sylva's departure for Atlanta, guest of the Embassy are unable to find the Old Forrester agency. "Pay your taxes now and avoid the rush," says H. H. Hensen, city treasurer. Adv. You'll have to put the price from \$2.25 to \$3.00. Hensen, if you want a bargain rush.

Please, some comely lass, walk Main street once without painted cheeks, penciled brows, tinted lids and rouged lips. We want to see one real natural human beauty again before we die.

If the movie, "Woman," lives up to its advance advertising illustrations, some of the male population may be injured in the scramble to obtain seats.

We fail to see how the average man will get any consolation from the fact that sirloin steak has advanced only 61 per cent in price since 1914.

Another accomplishment of the boy baby is the way the cute little cums can look out of the street car window and then put both feet on your new blue serge suit without looking.

Our idea of nothing to get enthusiastic about is the way the carrots are flourishing in the back yard garden.

It is still too early for the June bride to have entirely lost her respect for her husband's mother.

But the college graduate of this year's crop is beginning to realize what an unappreciative devil he is.

The bootleggers think the booze spotter is the merriest day.

TRANSFERRING PATRONAGE? H. C. McKellar, assistant postmaster, emerged from his office with a bundle of letters under his arm and walked east on Madison avenue.

"Where's he going?" said Tom Walsh, assistant U. S. attorney, "out to give his own business to some other post-office?"

Our friend who styles himself "a poet of the dark brown soil," submits the following:

ODE TO THE THROATLE.
(Percy B. Shelley, Please Turn Over.)

Pretty throatle
Let the rustle
Of thy wings
Come down to me
Hurrah!

Pretty bird
Let but one word
Escape thy shell-like lips
And I'll follow
By, Hen!

Also:
BEACON.
The electric light shines out in the night
Dispersing gloom and fear
And when we're tight, it shines out
And shows us the way home here.

THE DEAD
Mrs. F. M. Rosenberg.

PINE BLUFF, July 21. (Sp.)—Mrs. F. M. Rosenberg, aged 67 years, wife of F. M. Rosenberg, president of the Home Improvement Society, died Saturday afternoon after an illness of some time.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, Selton and Harry Rosenberg, two daughters, Mrs. Gabe Meyer and Mrs. Lulu Rosenberg, all of this city. The funeral services were held Monday morning.

Dick Harrison.
UNION CITY, Tenn., July 21. (Sp.)—After a long illness, Dick Harrison, several months, died Saturday night at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Irma Nalling. He was 62 years old.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Irma Nalling, with whom he made his home, a number of children and grand-children. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Woodard of the Oxford M. E. church, assisted by her pastor, Dr. Shannon of Erie, Ark.

S. B. Irvin.
JACKSON, Tenn., July 21. (Sp.)—S. B. Irvin, aged 82, Confederate veteran, died at his home south of the city yesterday after a lingering illness and his remains were laid to rest today in Riverside cemetery. He is survived by three sons and two daughters.

Miss Mary Stall.
TOCCOPOLA, Miss., July 21. (Sp.)—Miss Mary Stall, aged 70, formerly of Oxford, but who has made her home in Erie, Ark., for some time past, died at her home Friday and the remains were brought to Oxford for interment. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Woodard of the Oxford M. E. church, assisted by her pastor, Dr. Shannon of Erie, Ark.

Baer-Cohen.
HELENA, Ark., July 21. (Sp.)—Miss Baer-Cohen, of Helena, Ark., was united in marriage to Jack Baer of Boston. Rabbi E. Meyers officiated. The wedding took place at the home of Mrs. T. Kern.

Thomas-Muller.
BROWNVILLE, Tenn., July 21. (Sp.)—Announcement has been made of the marriage of Margaret Muller of New York, News, and Lieut. Frank P. Thomas, of U. S. navy. The wedding took place on Saturday afternoon, July 20, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Woodard of the Oxford M. E. church, assisted by her pastor, Dr. Shannon of Erie, Ark.

Conger-Lloyd.
JACKSON, Tenn., July 21. (Sp.)—Leonard H. Conger and Miss Mildred Lloyd were married at the home of the bride's parents on Preston street yesterday, Rev. J. A. Carmack officiating. They left for Memphis, where they will spend a few days. On their return they will have apartments on Chester street. Mr. Conger is employed by a local undertaking firm.

Smith-Moorlock.
RIPLEY, Miss., July 21. (Sp.)—R. S. Smith and Miss Ida Moorlock of the eastern part of the county were married a few days ago.

Galloway-Fletcher.
TOCCOPOLA, Miss., July 21. (Sp.)—Leo F. Galloway, recently returned soldier of Lafayette county, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Galloway of near Oxford, and Miss Corinne Fletcher of Paris were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage in Oxford, Rev. W. W. Woodard officiating.

MOOSE LODGE TO GIVE ANNUAL OUTING JULY 27

The Memphis Moose lodge will give its annual outing next Sunday at Milledgeville, Ga. The affair will be a regular old-fashioned family picnic and will be participated in by members of the Moose lodge and their families and invited guests. Invitations are being issued this week at the Moose home, 12 Court avenue.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the occasion and there will be fishing, games and other forms of entertainment throughout the day. Liquid refreshments will be served on the grounds.

JACKSON SUFFERS DISASTROUS BLAZE

JACKSON, Tenn., July 21. (Sp.)—A fire that destroyed \$25,000 worth of veneered lumber and threatened to consume the entire timber manufacturing district along the New C. & S. L. railroad broke out late yesterday afternoon at the Ashby Veneering plant and raged for two hours before being controlled.

Within 100 yards of the veneering plant are the huge tanks of the Gulf Refining Co. Firemen fought valiantly to keep the flames from these quarters and succeeded in confining the conflagration to the warehouse. Some damage was done to the engine room of the veneering plant. Mayor Joe Johnson joined the firemen in their efforts to check the blaze and for two hours fought with hose and pike under the direction of the fire chief, being so completely exhausted in the end that he had to be removed to the city in an auto. Upon recovering he again visited the scene of the fire and arranged for city night watchmen to assist the regular force of the mill.

Fire Chief Eugene Williams out-manned the flames and kept them confined to the warehouse, thereby saving half a dozen other buildings of the veneering plant. The fire was caused by the gasoline tanks of the Gulf Refining Co. 100 yards away there would have been little likelihood of saving South Jackson from complete destruction.

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